

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 341

By Powell

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the South Nashville Little League All-Stars baseball team for advancing to the 2014 United States Little League World Series.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those student-athletes who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as true sportsmen of whom we all can be proud; and

WHEREAS, baseball is America's favorite pastime, and every year, with the crack of the bat and the pop of the mitt, the baseball season begins anew with players' hopes high for winning a championship; and

WHEREAS, the members of the 2014 South Nashville Little League All-Stars baseball team have proven themselves to be the ablest of competitors and, as such, deserving of the highest regard; and

WHEREAS, the 2014 Southeast Region champions took a never-say-die attitude into the Little League World Series held in South Williamsport, Pennsylvania, on August 14–24, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the superb season would not have been possible without the contribution of players Barrett Smith, Robert Hassell, Blake Money, Sam Slaughter, Cade Reynolds, Drew Byers, Houston High, Tyler Finley, Eston Snider, Ricky Torres, Tyler Hammonds, Brian Garcia, Garrett Justice, and Ian Fry; and

WHEREAS, Head Coach Chris Mercado, Pitching Coach Ryan Mullins, and Assistant Coach Grant Martin laid the groundwork for the championship team by sharing with these young men their knowledge of baseball, through years of coaching and athletic experience, and their passion for the sport; and

WHEREAS, the members of the South Nashville Little League All-Stars baseball team epitomize all that is good in today's student-athletes, as they have achieved an unparalleled level of success in competition while exhibiting the highest degree of character; and

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly find it appropriate to pause in their deliberations to acknowledge and applaud the 2014 South Nashville Little League All-Stars baseball team, not only for the team's regional championship win, but also for the players' superior sportsmanship and the joy they bring to the people of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate the members and coaches of the 2014 South Nashville Little League All-Stars baseball team upon advancing to the United States Little League World Series championship, and extend to them our best wishes for every continued success in all their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.